(b) A total of 2821 applicants for 1982 and 1983, all in Bharatnagar exchange area, have not been provided with telephone connections.

(c) The above applicants will be provided with telephone connections by the middle of the 8th Five Year Plan.

Settlement of cases of Freedom fighters

1844. SHRI N. RAJANGAM : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government had announced in 1989 that all the cases of pension to freedom fighters will be settled by 19th November, 1989 but the cases are yet to be finalised ;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor ; and

(c) by when Government propose to settle all the cases of pension to freedom fighters?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MUFTI MOHAMMAD SAYEED) : (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. As on 31-1-1990 285 cases were pending. Out of these, 31 cases having special features are pending for want of reports from State Governments. Those will be processed as soon as reports from State Governments are received.

Other 254 cases are to be scrutinised by the Committee for Arya Samaj Movement. These cases will also be processed as soon as they are scrutinised by the Committee.

Confiscation of the goods by Transporters

1845. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that M/s. New Indian Roadways, Calcutta and its associates in various parts of the country have been confiscating the goods of the consignors/consignees;

(b) whether any provisions have been laid down by Government in the Motor Vehicle Act to cancel the National Permit of any of the transporter who has not delivered the goods booked by consignor to consignee; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and other steps Government propose to take against the transporters in such cases?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI K.P. UNNIKRISHNAN) : (a) Information is being collected from the State Government.

(b) and (c) Non-delivery of goods by the transporter, who has entered into a contract with the consignor, is a breach of contract, punishable under the relevant laws.

Construction of telephone exchange building at Chengannur

1846. SHRI THOMAS KUTHIRAVATTOM: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATION be pleased to state:

(a) by when the construction of telephone exchange building at Chengannur is expected to start;

(b) by when the plan for the above work was finalised; and

(c) whether the building plan has been approved by the Department?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI K.P. UNNIKRISHNAN) : (a) The construction of T.E. Building at Chengannur is expected to start during 1990-91.